

SUMMER PROGRAMS

June, July, August 2022

Wells State Park

Programs At a Glance

SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">10am-12pm: Nature Center Open House1pm—2pm: Stone Walls Speak to Us4pm—5pm: Off the Beaten Path Hike	THURSDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">10am—11am: Stone Walls Speak to Us1pm—3pm: Nature Center Open House4 pm—5pm: Adventure to Beaver Lodge	SATURDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">12:30pm–2pm: Nature Center Open House5pm—6pm: Adventure to Beaver Lodge7pm—8pm: Welcome Campfire
WEDNESDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">10:30am—11:30 am: Carpenter’s Rock Hike	FRIDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">1pm—2pm: Nature Center Open House3m—4pm: Mucking About7pm—8pm: Night Hike	

Program Descriptions

ADVENTURE TO BEAVER LODGE

Let’s meet nature’s engineers! Take a walk with us to a beaver lodge and find out how beavers shape the environment to their needs. With some luck we will even see beavers out swimming. Other possible sightings include herons and waterfowl.

Meet at the Nature Center. Appropriate for ages 6 and above. Terrain is generally level, approximately 1/3 mile walk each way.

CARPENTER’S ROCK HIKE

Hike to Carpenter’s Rock with us. The view from the top is well worth the climb. Along the way we’ll look for clues of the effects of humans and nature on the trail and discover how Wells State Park looks today compared to 200 years ago.

Meet at the Nature Center. Appropriate for ages 8 and above. About 1.5 miles over moderate terrain.

MUCKING ABOUT

Take a peek under the surface of our creeks and ponds! Explore the bugs, tadpoles, newts and other creatures that live here. We’ll use nets and buckets to catch (and then release!) some cool critters. Stay for five minutes or the whole hour.

Meet at the Nature Center. Recommended for ages 6 and above.

NATURE CENTER OPEN HOUSE

Stop by the Nature Center to find out more about Wells State Park and the plants, animals, and birds that live here. Check out our wildlife display and learn a little (or a lot!) about our local history. Games, books, and activities are available for the kids.

Meet at the Nature Center. Appropriate for all ages.

NIGHT HIKE

Let’s explore Wells State Park at night! With your sight limited, see how your other senses kick in. With luck we’ll get to see or hear some of the park residents coming out for the evening.

Meet at the pavilion opposite the Nature Center. Appropriate for ages 8 and above. About two miles over moderate terrain.

STONE WALLS SPEAK TO US

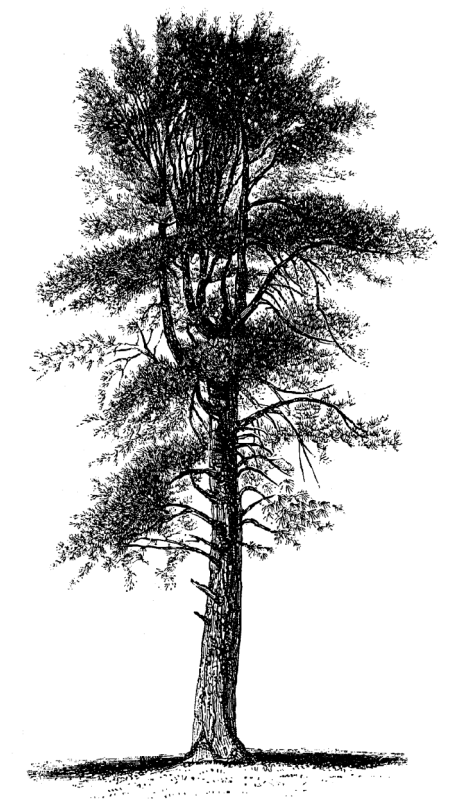
We see them all over New England, but what can stone walls tell us about the past? We will look for clues about how people worked and transformed the resources nature provided to build a rural New England way of life.

Meet at the Nature Center. Appropriate for ages 6 and up. Rain cancels, a talk will instead be held at the pavilion. Approximately one mile with modest terrain changes.

WELCOME CAMPFIRE

Join us at the Nature Center for a welcome campfire. Meet some of your fellow campers as we tell stories, and sing songs. We provide the fire, bring your s’mores supplies!

Meet at the Nature Center. Appropriate for all ages.



Programs are free and open to the public. Reservations are not required. **An adult must accompany all children under the age of 15.** Reasonable accommodations available upon advance request. Please dress for the outdoors with sturdy footwear, and bring water. Sunscreen, hat, and insect repellent are recommended. Please follow all current COVID guidelines, visit mass.gov/COVID for current information.

Programs are subject to cancellation based on staff availability and weather conditions.

- Wheelchair accessible
- Designed for kids
- Fun for the whole family
- Hiking